(c) whether it has been received for Presidential assent and if so, what is Government's reaction with regard thereto as it is feared for being used to harass the minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Uttar Pradesh Regulation of Public Religious Buildings and Places Bill, 2000, as passed by the State Legislature recently, has been reserved by the Governor for the consideration/ assent of the President.

The Bill seeks to regulate the use of a building as public religious building and the use of a place as public religious place or for the construction of a public religious building with a view to ensuring public order in the State.

The provisions of the Bill are under examination in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Central Government.

TADA Detenus

673. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ask the State Governments to submit a report on the number of persons detained and who are still in jails without trial, under TADA Act;

(b) whether Government also propose to issue any guidelines to State Governments for the quick disposal of TADA cases in their respective States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Law and Order is a State subject and provisions of the TADA Act were invoked by States/UTs keeping in view the public order and Internal security conditions prevailing over there. Review Committees have been constituted both at the Centre and State level to review the pending cases with a view to undo grievances of the accused persons, if any.

(b) to (d) Instructions have been issued to the State Govts. for speedy disposal of pending TADA cases. These cases are being periodically reviewed

at the State level by the State Review Committees. However, most of these cases are presently pending in the various designated TADA courts in the country. Prosecution branches of the State Govts. have been instructed to expedite the trial in these cases and not to seek adjournment.

VHP for Ram Temple at any cost

674. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the statements by VHP President Ashok Singhal and Secretary General, Praveen Tohadia on January 8, 2000 at Rameswaram that the Ram Temple would be built at any cost whatever be verdict of the court; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) In compliance with the Supreme Court's Judgement dated 24.10.94 in the case of Dr. M. Ismail Faruqui etc. versus Union of India & others, relating to the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, the Central Government, as a statutory receiver, is duty bound to maintain status quo as on 7.1.93 in the disputed area. Till the title suits pending in Allahabad High Court are finally adjudicated, the disputed site cannot be handed over to any party.

SIT to Probe Hijacking

675. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Special Investigation Team (SIT) to conduct a comprehensive probe into the hijacking of IC 814 by five Pakistani hijackers of Kathmandu-New Delhi flight in last week of December, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its tenure and terms of reference; and

(c) by when the SIT is likely to submit its report and whether the report, when submitted is likely to be made public and if not, the reasons therefor?